

**CITY OF TALLADEGA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Court Judge Interviews
March 20, 2014 – 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a called meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm., at City Hall to conduct interviews for five candidates for the Municipal Judge position. The following were present: Councilman President Donnie Miller, Councilman Horace Patterson, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Joe Ballow, and Mayor Larry Barton.

The following questions were given to the five candidates previous to the interview.

1. Discuss your opinion of pre-trial diversion
2. Discuss your consideration of hardship cases.
3. Discuss your opinion of the role of Municipal Judge.
4. How will you handle the process of making sure defendants follow the time schedule of the court proceedings (expediting the process)?
5. Discuss your opinion of being prejudiced for the prosecution or the defendant.

Each candidate was asked to tell a little about themselves and then given time to give their answer to the questions. Councilman Jarvis Elston then asked each candidate to sum up the most important characteristic of a judge in ten words or less. The five candidates are as follows:

John Adams – Filled in for Judge Fannin when he took a leave of absence to run for an elected office. Believes the most important characteristic is “integrity.”

Shelly Barnhart – Trussville native who practices law in Lincoln, Alabama. Believes the most important characteristic is “honesty.”

Trey (Huel) Love III – Talladega native. Believes the most important characteristic is “impartiality.”

Mark Nelson – Talladega native. Believes the most important characteristic is “patience.”

Barry Vaughn – Has served as a Judge in Sylacauga and has been Judge Fannin’s associate judge filling in whenever necessary. Believes the most important characteristic is “integrity.”

After the interviews were completed the Council discussed the process of narrowing down the candidates to two or three, possibility of second interviews and how the “voting” would proceed. Councilman Elston requested that it be a well defined process. Council President Miller requested a called meeting for Monday, March 24, at 9:00 am to approve an interim municipal judge and asked that Barry Vaughn’s availability be checked to fill that position.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk of the City of Talladega, Alabama, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the City Council of Talladega, Alabama, which met in a called meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 9:00 am, at City Hall.